

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 186

February 8, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires hospitals to provide parents of newborns with educational information on Pertussis disease and immunizations during the post-partum period and prior to discharge from the hospital. Exempts the requirement from being assessed during any Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities hospital inspection.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Bureau of TennCare, coverage for immunizations is provided in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control. Any increase in the number of immunizations as a result of increased patient education will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- According to the Department of Health, this legislation will not require any rulemaking or any subsequent disciplinary action against hospitals that fail to provide the Pertussis educational information and will not result in significant increase in expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$392,654.16.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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